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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CIEC

REF: SECTO 20041

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM MACEACHEN TO PEREZ GUERRERO DATED AUGUST 4, WHICH CANADIAN EMBASSY PROVIDED TODAY.

BEGIN TEXT

2. I FOUND OUR MEETING IN NEW YORK LAST WEEK TO BE MOST USEFUL. I AM CONTINUING MY CONSULTATIONS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN AN EFFORT TO FIND THE BEST APPROACH TO THE PRESENT SITUATION IN CIEC. THESE CONSULTATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED AND THUS IT MAY NOT BE TIMELY FOR US TO
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MEET AGAIN PRIOR TO YOUR TRIP TO COLOMBO, ALTHOUGH I HOPE

WE CAN REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

3. YOU WILL RECALL THAT DURING OUR DISCUSSION IN NEW YORK WE SUGGESTED A GENERAL APPROACH TO A POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF DEFINING THE WORK PROGRAM. THE APPROACH WOULD ENTAIL SOME SIMPLIFICATION OF THE G19 PROPOSALS FOR THE WORK PROGRAMS FOR DEBT AND PURCHASING POWER WHICH WOULD ALLOW THESE ISSUES TO BE PRESENTED IN A MORE NEUTRAL WAY.

IN ADDITION WE HAD IN MIND TWO GENERAL CONCEPTS WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE A CHAPEAU FOR THE WORK PROGRAM:

(1) A REFERENCE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE LANGUAGE OF THE WORK PROGRAM WOULD NOT PREJUDGE THE SUBSTANTIVE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE; AND

(2) AN INDICATION THAT EFFORTS UNDER THE WORK PROGRAM COULD PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WHICH MIGHT BE INTRODUCED BY DELEGATES AS OF A CERTAIN DATE.

4. AS I CONTINUE WITH MY MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS I HOPE YOU CAN INFORM ME FURTHER, AS A RESULT OF YOUR CONSULTATIONS IN COLOMBO, MEXICO AND ELSEWHERE, AS TO THE VIEWS OF THE G19 ON THE FUTURE OF CIEC. SPECIFICALLY WOULD THERE BE RECEPTIVITY TO THE KIND OF APPROACH TO THE WORK PROGRAMS WHICH I HAVE OUTLINED ABOVE? OTHER ISSUES WHICH WE WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH IN THE NEAR FUTURE ARE TIMING AND A PROCEDURE FOR RESUMING THE DIALOGUE. YOU WILL RECALL THAT I AM NOT IN FAVOUR OF ANOTHER MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS IN SEPTEMBER.

5. I SHALL BE TRAVELLING IN THE PACIFIC RIM AREA FROM AUGUST 20 TO SEPTEMBER 7, BUT I MAY BE REACHED DURING THAT TIME THROUGH MY DEPARTMENT IN OTTAWA. I KNOW YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT THE DIALOGUE IN CIEC IS WORTH SAVING AND THAT WE SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO THAT END. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU FURTHER.

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